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LB 942

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'd move for the adoption of the E & R amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted. Anything else?

CLERK: The next amendment I have is by Senator Vickers. Senator, this is your amendment on 728 of the Journal.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, LB 942 deals with the problem of what a Class II school does when it loses the required number of students or when it becomes...starts contracting with another district and then has to become a Class I or make a decision as to whether to merge with another district. The amendment that I am offering to the bill deals with that part of the decision that has to do with the decision to perhaps merge with another district. Under the current mechanism of the County Reorganization Board and the State Reorganization Board they can, in fact, overrule a petition signed by 60 percent of the people in the district as to a merger with another district. There is no provision, however, with a petition or a decision to merge with another district done by the boards. Now it seems rather strange to me that we have a mechanism whereby the people's decision would be checked by the Reorganization Committee and not the Board of Education. This amendment would make it apply to the Board of Education, the decision of the Reorganization Committee, as well as to the petition route by the people of the district and would make it so that the same procedure applies and I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I have put in ten and a half hours today for my \$10.00 so I'd like to move to adjourn, right after we vote on this amendment, right after we vote on the bill.